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RE: Follow up to Master Metals, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Arturo:

The Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations' (BUSTR) site coordinator for Cuyahoga County has been in contact with Lt. Ollie Zahorodnij of the Cleveland Fire Department regarding the underground storage tank (UST) removals at the former Master Metals facility located 2850 West Third Street, Cleveland Ohio. Lt. Zahorodnij indicated that the USTs were removed on December 22, 1988. His inspection report indicated a 6,000 gallon and a 550 gallon UST were removed. Both USTs were steel. There were no indications of any closure assessment activities for these two USTs. Per our site coordinator's conversation with Lt. Zahorodnij, the two USTs were properly removed from the property.

A follow up on our end has found no registration for the two removed USTs. This is probably due to the fact that the USTs had been out of service for quite some time. In addition, many non petroleum marketers were unaware of the first registration that took place in Ohio. BUSTR depended on several different sources to determine UST owners in Ohio when it performed the first registration notification. If the USTs had been out of service for several years, it would not have been unusual for these tanks to miss the first registration notification.

Per closure assessment requirements, there were no federal or state requirements for closure assessment when these USTs were removed. The acceptable procedure for the UST removals at that time, would have involved the safe and proper removal of the tanks from the ground with the proper backfilling of the UST cavities, which would have included the backfill material excavated from the cavities during the UST removals.

Sincerely,

Verne A. Ord
Assistant Bureau Chief

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

REPORT #: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

DATE: 5-5-98

TIME: 9:20 AM

CALL TO [✓] FROM []

NAME: Lt. Ollie Zahorodni5 TITLE: Lieutenant PHONE (216) 664-6664

AGENCY/COMPANY: Cleveland F.D. RELATION TO SITE: Government

ADDRESS: 1645 Superior Ave. CITY: Cleveland ST: OH ZIP: 44114

SUBJECT: Master Metals 2850 West Third Ave.
Cleveland, OH.

NOTES & SUMMARY

Call to Lt. Zahorodni5 Refrnie To this Site Obtained
The Following Information on this Site.

Master Metals is currently under clean-up as a Super Fund
Site - USEPA is Handling this Project. USEPA - Westlake Ohio
Office = Contact Rich Winkhofer. 440-835-5200.

On Dec 22, 1988 Lt. Zahorodni5 was on Site For removal
of Two UST's. Prior To Existence of BUSTC.

Tank #1 = Gasoline = Steel = 6,000 gal. Permit # 3076.

Tank #2 = unknown = Steel = 550 gal. Permit # 3288.

On May 17, 1968 = Order by F.D. To Abandoned 12,000 gal.
Heating oil Tank. Tank was Filled with Sand